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Group: 1745

Title: IONICALLY CONDUCTIVE  
MEMBRANES FOR PROTECTION OF ACTIVE  
METAL ANODES AND BATTERY CELLS

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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56 AND 1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 copies of which are enclosed, may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. These references were cited in a related PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report which was dated December 21, 2004, is enclosed herewith as well. These references are submitted in compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make these citations official record in this application.

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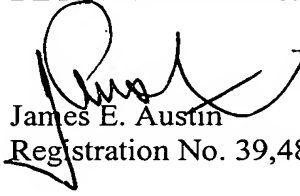
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Respectfully submitted,

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#### U.S. Patent Documents

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#### Other Documents

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